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Idaho 2009 Apple Production

Idaho's 2009 utilized apple production totaled 45 million pounds, down 40 million pounds from 2008, but up 10 million pounds from 2007, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The final value of Idaho's 2009 apple crop was \$9.80 million, \$7.37 million below 2008's value. Fresh market sales accounted for 30 million pounds of the 2009 crop, down 20 million pounds from the 2008 crop, while processing accounted for 15 million pounds, down 20 million pounds from 2008. Processing of Idaho's apple crop accounted for 33.3 percent of Idaho's utilized production compared to 41.2 percent of the 2008 crop.

Nationally, utilized apple production for 2009 is estimated at 9.71 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2008. Utilized production in Washington decreased 4 percent to 5.40 billion pounds from 2008. New York's utilized production increased 10 percent from 2008, and Michigan's utilized production increased 78 percent from the freeze-affected 2008 crop. Washington apple growers reported light blooms, scattered frost and hail damage. Also, some reported lower pack-out rates due to the summer heat and sunburn and a few nights of freeze in October. Fruit sizing was larger than in 2008, when there was an abundance of small apples. New York's apple growers experienced a better growing season than last year. The Michigan apple average yield was a record high. Limited fruit setting in 2008 caused a high amount of blossoming. Most of the Southeast and Midwest apple crop States have recovered from the 2007 frost, with yields and production amounts going above historic levels.

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